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TRAINING PROGRAMMES BY NSTED BOARDS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made on the performance of 'National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Boards' in the country;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) the details of institutions set up/assisted under institutional mechanism under the project;

(d) the details of training programmes conducted during the last three years by the Boards under various programmes;

(e) whether some outside agencies have been engaged for conducting the training programmes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the criteria adopted for engaging such agencies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Evaluation study of National Science and Technology Enterpreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) programmes was conducted during May 1997 to March 1998 by National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi. The finding shows that these programmes resulted in a social yield of Internal Rate of Return (IRR) of around 30%. In view of the high yield on investments, the study highlighted that the programmes need to be expanded significantly.

(c) No institutions of permanent nature have been set up under NSTEDB programmes. However, under the institutional mechanism, 4-5 years duration projects viz. 51 Technology Business Incubators (TBIs)/Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Parks (STEPs), 22 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Cells (IEDCs)/Entrepreneurship Development Cells (EDCs) and 48 Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development (STED) Projects are being supported currently.

(d) During last three years 530 Entrepreneurship Development Programmes/Technology Entrepreneurship Development Programmes and 170 Faculty Development Training programmes have been conducted. Approximately 29000 persons have been trained during last 3 years in various skill areas under Skill Development Training through Science and Technology.

(e) Yes, Madam.

(f) Agencies like institutes/centres of entrepreneurship development, technical consultancy organizations, academic and technical institutions and non-governmental organizations engaged in promotion of entrepreneurship development have been supported for conducting the training programmes. Proposals submitted by the agencies for implementation of training programmes are selected with the help of Expert Advisory Committees based on the merit of the proposal and competence of the agency.